2015 AGENCY AWARD

14) Agency of the Year

This category recognizes **one agency for achieving an outstanding level of success** in local implementation of federal initiatives. Observable through:

- 1. Agency creates a culture that promotes employee engagement
- 2. Inclusion and diversity of thought, hierarchal level, and demographics blended to have the entire organization move forward
- Implementation of a governmental program to transform, create, improve, or otherwise influence positive action resulting in a better living and working environment for U.S. citizens in the Chicagoland area

Examples of potential initiatives are listed below. Please note: Nominees are not limited to this list.

- People With Disabilities
- Combined Federal Campaign
- Volunteer America
- WellFeds Campaign
- Intergovernmental Partnerships

Category 14: Agency of the Year Online Nomination Form Link https://chicagofeb.wufoo.com/forms/feoy-2015-cat-14-agency-of-the-year/

2014 Winner

Edward Hines Jr. VA Medical Center

- Staff committed to the Veterans they serve and often go above and beyond for their clients
- Hines Health Care for Homeless Veterans staff responded to 598 National Homeless Hotline calls in FY13
- HCHV has been issued 375 HUD-VASH housing vouchers, 325 currently in use by housed veterans

Final Nomination Submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2015.